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GERMANY LAMENTS ENGLAND'S STAND

German Imperial Chancellor Sets Out Germany's Position to Correct Public Opinion.

(By Associated Press.) London, Aug. 17.—A Marconi wireless dispatch from official sources at Berlin, dated Friday, gives an interview with the German Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, who, representing the war as a life and death struggle between the Germans and Russians, arising from the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, declared England avails herself of a long waited opportunity to begin a war for the destruction of the commercially prosperous Germany.

"It is with a heavy heart," said the Chancellor, "that we see England ranged among our opponents, notwithstanding the close ties of blood and culture between England and Germany. The former placed herself on the side of Russia, whose insatiability and barbaric insolence helped this war, in order to humiliate and suppress the German race by Russian pan-Slavism."

"We expect that the sense of justice of the American people will enable them to comprehend our situation. We invite their opinion as to the one-sided English representations and ask them to examine our point of view in an unprejudiced way."

"The sympathy of the American Nation then will be with German culture and civilization, which is fighting against a half Asiatic and slightly cultured barbarism."

MERCHANT KILLED AT OLD WASHINGTON

Killing Near Navasota Indicated That Two Men Were Implicated.

Navasota, Tex., Aug. 17.—August Stulz, a merchant of Old Washington, just across the Brazos river from Navasota, was killed Saturday night about 10 o'clock by unknown parties. Mr. Stulz closed his place of business about 9:30 and started for his home and was found dead some time later from wounds inflicted by a shotgun and a pistol.

It appears from the indications that two or more were implicated in the killing.

Officers are investigating the case. Mr. Stulz leaves a wife and family to mourn his sad death.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS NOT ALARMED

Sees Nothing to Involve United States in Japan's Ultimatum to Germany.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 17.—President Wilson says there is no danger of the United States becoming involved by Japan's action in sending an ultimatum to Germany.

ENGLAND CONCEALS NEWS OF HER ARMY AND NAVY

The French Fleet and French Army Are Showing Greater Activity and the French Army Captured a Thousand German Prisoners and Much War Munitions Today—Russians and Austrians Are Skirmishing Along a Fifty-Mile Front—Lines Are Forming for Struggle of Vast Proportions—All Nations Have Acknowledged Wilson's Mediation Offer Except Russia.

London, Aug. 11.—The official news bureau says: "The French fleet on Mediterranean has made a clean sweep of the Adriatic Sea as far as Cattaro. A small Austrian cruiser was sunk by French vessels."

Paris reports that after two days' inactivity the German cavalry has resumed operations in Belgium, proceeding toward Wavre, fifteen miles south-east of Brussels.

The Germans have been reinforced. The Belgians claim this German advance is already checked.

The British censorship completely conceals their fleet and the English army.

French Capture Prisoners and Munitions.

(By Associated Press.) London, Aug. 17.—The official war office says the French in a rapid advance along the Schirmack-Stalvey in upper Alsace, captured a thousand prisoners, twelve field guns and caissons and eight rapid fire guns. Schirmack is seven and a half miles beyond Saales, which the French captured Saturday. It is claimed the effectiveness of the French artillery was shown by the trenches filled with dead Germans found during the French advance. The French cavalry has advanced to Muelhausen. A French official statement gives the names of many villages marking the position of their long line of advancing troops.

Will Be Vast Struggle.

(By Associated Press.) London, Aug. 17.—A French official communication says: "At this moment the German main force engages our troops. Our allies will force both Austria and Germany to engage in an additional struggle of vast proportions. Russia is now advancing for an offensive blow. Having routed the Austrians in Galicia, Germany is being put

on the defensive." An American business man from Berlin says business is paralyzed throughout Germany and Austria, and that the Germans realize a trade damage for generations. A severe pinch in food is expected soon.

Russians and Austrians Skirmish.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—An official announcement states that during the last four days the Russians have skirmished with the Austrian cavalry, infantry and artillery, scattered over a front fifty miles long near the Russian border. They claim to have defeated the Austrian Eleventh Cavalry near Tomaschoff in a brilliant saber engagement.

France Appreciates Mediation Offer.

London, Aug. 17.—The French Premier, replying to the United States' offer of mediation, declares France was attacked despite her steady refusal to take the aggressive, adding, "Be assured France recognizes in your idea a new evidence of your interest in French destinies."

Slice of Bread for Weapon.

(By Associated Press.) Brussels, Aug. 17.—The War Office quotes a soldier who captured several Germans as saying: "I don't use a rifle now. I go with a slice of bread. They follow me into camp."

Turkey May Engage Greece.

(By Associated Press.) London, Aug. 17.—An official of Greece claims that Turkish troops are crossing Bulgaria toward Greece, which is prepared to resist.

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Kaiser Leaves for Front.

(By Associated Press.) London, Aug. 17.—A Reuter dispatch says the Kaiser starts for Mainz with his staff.

Germany Acknowledges Wilson Offer.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 17.—Germany acknowledges President Wilson's mediation offer without comment. Russia is the only Nation not yet acknowledging.

Saw Battered German Dreadnought.

(By Associated Press.) London, Aug. 17.—An Amsterdam dispatch says a Dutch steamer captain reports seeing a German dreadnought in the harbor of Thondhem, out of action with her funnels smashed and one side scarred by shell holes. The report is not confirmed.

CABLEGRAM FROM J. E. ASTIN.

Relatives in Bryan received a cablegram from Mr. and Mrs. John E. Astin this afternoon. They are still in Munich, Germany, and will be there indefinitely. Both are well. The message was sent from Boerne, Switzerland, to which point it was perhaps telephoned from Munich.

PROF. SAM FOUNTAIN'S FUNERAL

The Eagle was informed today that the remains of Prof. Sam J. Fountain, who died Saturday in Cleveland, Ohio, would arrive tomorrow afternoon by the Hubler and be taken off at College and conveyed to the home of his father. The funeral, according to the present arrangements, will be held Wednesday morning at 9:30. Should there be any change in the hour it will be announced tomorrow afternoon.

COLQUITT CALLS A SPECIAL SESSION

(By Associated Press.) Austin, Tex., Aug. 17.—Governor Colquitt today called a special session of the Legislature to meet next Monday to pass the bonded warehouse bill in aid of the Texas cotton raisers.

MANY AMERICANS REACHED NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 17.—The liner Laconia brought 1,600 passengers, mostly Americans, from Europe today.

Who's Who In Europe's War



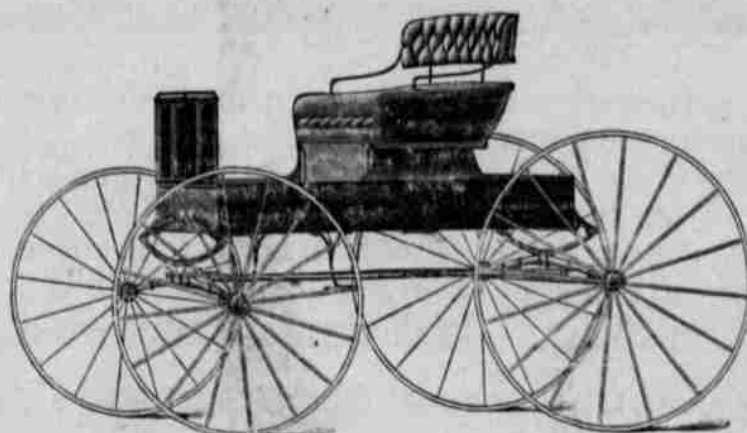
Photo by American Press Association.

CESAR NICHOLAS II. of Russia shares with the German emperor the center of the stage in the great strife in Europe. Russia is backing Serbia. Germany is behind Austria. A war between Austria and Serbia is comparatively insignificant. Not so a clash between Russia and Germany with all that implies.

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